

FREIGHT BLOCKADE

Owing to the Strike of the Switchmen—The Attitude of the Railroad Authorities Toward the Strikers—An Intimation that the Strike Will Spread.

CHICAGO, June 24.—The situation in the yards of the Lake Shore Railroad, in this city, remains unchanged. The regular passenger trains are moving as usual, but

an effectual blockade of freight has occurred. No freight trains have been moved, and so far no attempt of any character had been made to make up trains. The incoming freight trains have all been stopped at Eouls

city, and, judging from the former experience, the assistance of the railroad company, unless the state affords protection the company will be powerless against the strikers. The town of Lake, within the precinct's control, in which the strike is confined, has a very

The Sheriff of the county, during the former strike, made no serious effort to disperse the crowd, and in his published interview to-day condemns the railroad company, and declares that it has no live d up to its agreement, intimating that it offered to discharge the non union men. What basis he has for this assertion has

However, taken in connection with his experience in the former strike, has occasioned surprise and subjected him to comment. A few of the town of Lake police are at Forty-third street where a large crowd had gathered as early as 8 o'clock. One of the papers, this morning, says: "The only attempt at an explanation of the cause of the strike appeared in the

that it was the result of a preconcerted stock-jobbing scheme. It was alleged that a party of Town of Lake and stock market speculators had sold short a heavy load of stock. To better the market in their own interest they negotiated with a few of the leaders of the switchmen in the Town of Lake to bring about a strike, with the result that appeared yesterday afternoon. If this be true, it is not likely that the strike will continue any length of

"The fact is," he replied, "we have not had time. It was 11 o'clock last night before we were really aware that there was a strike, and nothing has been arranged." Later, one of the officials of the

The engineers and firemen express no

by parties in the neighborhood called on them when they are called on to take out their engines they will be as reluctant to respond to the summons as they were during the late trouble.

Sheriff Hanchett has gone to Iowa. Deputy Sheriff Mason said this morning that if any company had not asked for any deputies to protect the property of the road.

This evening, when the regular night switch engine left the round house, Thomas Collins, one of the strikers, boarded the machine and in a moment had induced

Charles Cole, the engineer, to turn back. He informed the yardmaster that it could be impossible for him to get through the mob. During the day, notice was given the switchmen that unless they were alerted for duty to-morrow they are to consider themselves discharged, and are requested to call for their pay. It is asserted that the men will not report to the strikers that before nightfall to-morrow morning, Buffalo, Detroit and Cleveland will be involved in the strike, and that a general tie-up in other departments of the company's work is not improbable.

known, and one of them, the lawful wife of the deceased, is still a resident of this city.

Petitions were filed in the Orphans' court yesterday by two ladies, each claiming to be the widow of James G. Morris, who died June 10, 1886, at No. 72 Mount street, and applying for letters of administration upon his estate. Mr. Morris was in the fruit business on Pratt street. Grace G. Morris, one of the petitioners, alleges that she was married to Mr. Morris November 4, 1858, and lived

With her abish wife until June, 1882, when he abandoned her, and had since lived apart from her. He leaves surviving a petitioner, his widow, and two daughters, both of whom are over the age of 21 years, as his only next of kin and disinheritables. The deceased left several thousand dollars' worth of perishable goods which requires immediate attention, and, hence, as his widow, asks for letters of administration. Ella McCarty Morris, the heir claimant, alleges that she was married to Mr. Morris at Pittsburgh, Pa., July 1, 1882, and lived with him in Baltimore

as his wife until his death. She was never informed until after his death of the claim of the lady calling herself Mrs. Grace G. Morris to be his wife, and denies the allegations of the petitions filed by her. She was informed that a former marriage of Mr. Morris had been lawfully dissolved by a decree of a court having lawful jurisdiction, prior to her marriage to him. She asks to be appointed administrator of the estate. The court, pending the controversy, granted letters of collection to Wm. A. Marbury and Ferdinand C. Dugan, who

A TEST WELL LOCATED
near Rock Lick, Marshall County, by the
Guffy People.

Rock Lick, Marshall county, usually a
very dull and sleepy village, is quite
awake this week on the oil and gas
subject. J. M. Guffy & Company
and the Wheeling Natural Gas Com-
pany, who have a great many acres of
land leased in that county, have located
one of their test wells near there, in We-
ber district, on the John McGinnis lease,
near old Baldwin farm. Prof. White, their

...the best locations yet, out of half a dozen now made. The timber is being delivered on the ground and active operations will begin at once, and the hopes of the people are fixed on the greasy fluid below the clouds of the valley more than on the price of this year's crop of wool and wheat. They had begun to think all the fuss over oil leasing several months ago was all there would be of oil development, but now they think differently, and as this is the second well in Marshall County they may yet prove to be on the best oil belt that's supposed to run through the State.

From Washington, Pa.
The heavy rains will damage much of the grain and grass and prevent farmers from working their crop, as they must go to their wheat harvest as soon as the sun rises out the grain.

MILWAUKEE ANARCHIST CONVICTED.

MILWAUKEE, June 24 — At quarter-past ten to-night the jury in the case of Henry Campbell, Anarchist, charged with riot, returned a verdict of guilty.